Docket No.: 070456-0016

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IN THE UNITED PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Kouichi OKUGAMI, et al.

Confirmation Number: 4835

Application No.: 10/787,221

Group Art Unit: 3682

Filed: February 27, 2004

Examiner: Justin Krause

For: TRANSMISSION COMPONENT, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND

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SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on February 27, 2004. Since more than one and onehalf years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, and as attorney for applicant has not received a response to the first Status Inquiry filed August 25, 2005, Applicant again respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before June 21, 2004 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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